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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Jian-Ku Shang, et al. )  
Serial No. 10/797,582 ) Customer Service Center  
Filing Date: March 10, 2004 ) Initial Patent Examination Division  
For High Surface Area Ceramic Coated )  
Fibers )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to examination on the merits.